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County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health to Host Faith Leaders Conference at the Center at Cathedral Plaza

WHAT: Department of Mental Health will host a one-day conference for the Los Angeles area faith leaders. The conference will cover the following topics:

A panel discussion on "Faith and Mental Health" featuring Pastor Melvin A. Ashley, Jr. of Greater Love Christian Center in South Los Angeles and Watts Neighborhood Council, Rev. Charles G. Suhayda, Ph.D. of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Gail Tapp, Consumer Advocate and Ana Wong-McDonald, Ph.D. of the Hollywood Mental Health Clinic. At the end of the discussion there will be a questions and answers session moderated by Department of Mental Health Director Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.

"ABC's of Depression and Anxiety" presented by Pastor Ashley, Jr., Rev. Dr. Christo Franklin, DMH Psychiatric Mobile Response Team in San Fernando and Terry G. Lewis Nwachie, M.S., M.F.T.I.

"Clergy and the Many Faces of Mental Health" presented by Cynthia Luellen, Family Preservation Specialist, L.C.S.W. and Founder of the "Angels of Faith Ministry" and Kim A. Foster, M.S.W., Long Beach Adult Mental Health Clinic

"Homelessness, Substance Abuse and Mental Health" presented by Rev. Charles Belknap, Vice President Community Development National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles

WHERE: The Center at Cathedral Plaza (Salons A, B and C)
555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

WHEN: Wed., May 31 (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)

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